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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 7/20/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 & 2.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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Attached please find the initialed and dated IDS forms filed on June 02, 2005.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bo Peng, Ph.D. whose telephone number is 571-272-5542. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 9-5:30.

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JEFFREY STUCKER
PRIMARY EXAMINER

Bo Peng

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1. The examiner of your application in the Patent and Trademark Office has been changed. To aid in correlating any papers for this application, all further correspondence regarding this application should be directed to Bo Peng, Art Unit 1648.

2. Applicant's amendment, filed on May 31 2005, was acknowledged.

3. During a **telephone conversation** with Stacey Antar on July 20, 2005, Examiners presented new restriction groupings and requested Applicant to elect one of the following groups under 35 U.S.C. 121.

Group I, claim 1, drawn to an isolated variant HBV surface antigen shown as SEQ ID NO: 7.

Group II, claim 2, drawn to an expression vector containing the gene of the variant HBV surface antigen of claim 1.

Group III, claims 3-5, drawn to a mAb, a hybridoma cell line and a kit.

Group IV, claim 6, drawn to method of detecting HBV in a sample.

Attorney elected without traverse to prosecute Group I, claim 1. Claims 2-6 are withdraw from consideration.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

4. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by

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37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

5. Group II, claim 2, has been rejoined with an agreement to cancel non-elected claims 3-6.

6. The title of the application has been changed to "Hepatitis B Virus Surface Protein".

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